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AUTUMN TERM
WEEK 8

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OUR VISION: GOOD GROUND GROWS WELL

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UPDATE FROM MRS HALE

The children settled well into the new half-term this week: Year 2 were straight out making the most of the autumn weather with a three-mile walk around Osterley Park! They enjoyed exploring the changing colours of the season, spotting signs of autumn and getting plenty of fresh air along the way. Year 3 have also been doing their bit for our local community with their turn at our regular litter picking, helping to keep our neighbourhood clean and tidy and putting our value of Service into action.

Our Early Years Grandparents' Coffee Morning was a huge success, with a fantastic turnout! It was wonderful to see so many grandparents joining us for a morning of crafts, including making poppies for Remembrance and a range of Diwali-inspired activities.

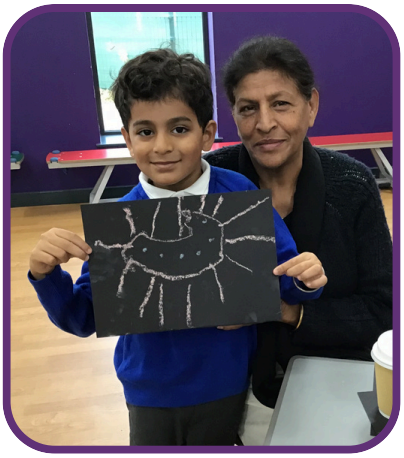
We also held a special assembly to learn about Diwali. As a Christian school, we love giving children opportunities to learn about different faiths and traditions, and it was particularly lovely for our Hindu and Sikh children to share something of their own celebrations with their friends. Children across the school have also enjoyed making rangoli patterns and painting diyas, learning about their meaning and symbolism.

Finally, a big well done to Yellow Diamond House, who celebrated earning the most house points last half-term with a special non-uniform day. Congratulations to everyone!

Mrs Hale



Year 2 visit to Osterley Park



Grandparents Coffee Morning

Thank you so much for giving to our school community!

amazon wishlist

Diyas and Rangoli patterns



ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS!

1	Saplings	100%
2	Grey Willow	95%
3	Beech	95%

How we have grown this week!



Sapling

Saplings explored Goldilocks and the Three Bears and shared what makes them special. They practised number names in maths, learned about Diwali and Bonfire Night, and discussed why Christmas is special in RE.

Ash

Ash Class hosted a wonderful Grandparents' Coffee Morning, making poppies and rangoli patterns. They explored the Creation story through Godly Play and continued developing their Level 2 phonics skills.

Beech

Beech Class enjoyed reading The Queen's Hat, exploring adjectives and verbs and acting out different characters. In maths, they worked hard to strengthen their knowledge of number bonds to 10.

Chestnut

Chestnut Class enjoyed an autumn walk at Osterley Park, spotting seasonal colours, leaves and mushrooms. Back in class, they completed their non-chronological reports about cheetahs.

Damson

Damson Class explored how volcanoes form in Geography. In RE, they learned about Diwali and discussed the importance of light and what it represents during this special celebration.

Elm

Elm Class enjoyed reading The Iron Man and writing sentences using noun phrases and onomatopoeia. They recalled multiples of 3 and 6 and explored historical sources about children's lives.

Field Maple

Field Maple Class began exploring the animation The Snowman in English. In maths, they investigated common multiples and factors, and in Science, they discovered more about our Solar System.

Grey Willow

Grey Willow Class began reading The Hobbit, exploring character descriptions in English. They started learning about fractions in maths and created colourful rangoli patterns in Art to mark Diwali.

Thought for the week

> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. *Matthew 5:9*

What does it mean to be blessed? Sometimes we think being blessed means having lots of nice things, being lucky or having everything go our way. However, Jesus teaches us that being blessed is about something much more special. It means knowing God's love, living in His ways and sharing that love with others.

In this Bible verse, Jesus tells us that those who make peace are blessed. Being a peacemaker doesn't just mean avoiding arguments. It means choosing kindness over anger, forgiveness over holding grudges and friendship over falling out. Sometimes being a peacemaker means being brave enough to say sorry, helping someone who feels left out or standing up for someone who is being treated unfairly.

This week, let's think about how we can be peacemakers in our classrooms, on the playground and at home. Even the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference. When we choose peace, we show others what God's love looks like and help our school community to grow and flourish.

Something to pray

Dear God,
Thank you for the many blessings you give us each day, especially your love, kindness and forgiveness.
Help us to understand that being blessed is not about what we have, but about the love we share with others.
Give us the courage to be peacemakers, to choose kind words, to forgive others and to help those who are feeling sad or lonely.
Guide us to bring peace into our classrooms, playgrounds and homes so that everyone feels loved, valued and included.
Help us to follow Jesus' example and spread your love wherever we go.
Amen.